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CANDIDATES FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT IN NIE 11-3/8-74

Candidates for Cross-referencing to Interagency Studies:

1. US and Soviet ability to determine the accuracies of Soviet ICBMs.
2. Capabilities and employment of the Backfire force.
3. Strategic implications of Soviet laser research.
4. Prospects for Soviet open ocean detection and localization of SSBNs.
5. Soviet options for mobile ICBM deployment.
6. Soviet capabilities to develop a look-down-shoot-down air defense system.

Candidates for Supporting Annexes:

1. Capabilities of new Soviet ICBM systems. (Emphasis on hard target capability, flexibility of employment, survivability, and SALT-related characteristics.)
2. Capabilities of current and prospective Soviet SLBMs.
3. Soviet civil defense capabilities. (Tentative)
4. Soviet battle management capabilities for strategic limited nuclear conflict.
5. Detailed projections of alternative future forces.
6. The availability of nuclear materials.
7. Tables of weapons characteristics and performance.
8. Space systems for support of strategic operations.

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Examples of topics which will receive less comprehensive treatment than in previous estimates:

1. Historical growth of Soviet strategic forces.
2. Descriptive detail about the current status of existing weapons and forces.
3. Antisatellite defense.
4. The framework of future Soviet strategic defensive policy and planning.
5. Well-known disagreements, i.e., accuracy of the SS-9 Mods 1 and 2.

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Chairmanships for NIE 11-3/8-74

I. Soviet Perception of the Strategic Environment

Lawrence E. Finch - State  
632-0339

II. Present Forces for Strategic Attack and Prospects  
for Their Improvement

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(code) 11-48106

III. Present Forces for Strategic Defense and Prospects  
for Their Improvement

25X1A [redacted] - CIA/OWI  
(code) [redacted]

IV. Present Capabilities for Intercontinental Attack

25X1A [redacted] - CIA/OSR  
(code) [redacted]

V. Future Forces and Their Implications

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Schedule for NIE 11-3/8

Soviet Capabilities for Intercontinental Conflict

14 June	USIB Representatives' meeting on outline, assignments, and schedule
19 June	Dissemination of approved outline, assignments, and schedule
14 August	First draft of sections of the Estimate and the supporting annexes (with mockups of graphics)
10-19 September	Team meetings on draft of the Estimate
	Initiate graphic art work
20 September	Disseminate draft of the annexes and the Estimate to USIB Representatives
27 September	Representatives' meetings begin
21 October	Begin clean-up session
29 October	Disseminate drafts to USIB members
7 November	USIB